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TAGS: BOIS ETRD EPEP PGOV PINT ES

SUBJ: GRAIN SCANDAL

REF: SAN SALVADOR 2523 2456

1. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL EMBASSY'S AND AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE'S REPORTING IN MAY, JUNE AND JULY, 1975 OF GOES PURCHASE OF 14,000 METRIC TONS OF WHITE CORN FROM KANSAS GRAIN CO. THROUGH U.S. BROKER, THOMAS P. GONZALEZ, AKA THOS. GONZALEZ. CONTRACT SPECIFIED CORN WAS TO BE PREFERABLY OF U.S. ORIGIN BUT IN ANY EVENT WAS NOT, RPT NOT, TO BE OF AFRICAN OR ASIAN ORIGIN TO AVOID DISEASE-RIDDEN GRAIN, PARTICULARLY THE "COFFEE RUST" DISEASE. SUBSEQUENTLY GOES HAD REASON TO BELIEVE AND CHARGED THAT CORN SHPPED BY GONZALEZ WAS OF AFRICAN ORIGIN AND MIS-GRADED. IT REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE CORN AND STOPPED PAYMENT. COURT CASE IS NOW PENDING IN MIAMI.

2. FONMIN BORGONOVO TELEPHONED ME TODAY TO ASK FOR OUR ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER. HE INFORMED ME THAT GOES HAS REASON TO BELIVE THAT FBI IS CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION OF  
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THOMAS P. GONZALEZ AND KANSAS GRAIN IN CONNECTION WITH

POSSIBLE USGOV PROSECUTION FOR VIOLATION OF US LAWS ON  
QUALITY OF US GRAIN EXPORTS. BORGONOVO'S SPECIFIC REQUEST  
WAS TO HAVE FBI EXPEDITE ITS INVESTIGATION IN THE HOPE THAT  
INFORMATION OR EVIDENCE WOULD BE DEVELOPED WHICH WOULD ESTABLISH  
CONNECTION BETWEEN GONZALEZ AND KANSAS GRAIN IN GOES CORN  
PURCHASE EARLIER THIS YEAR AND WOULD ENHANCE GOES CASE  
PENDING IN MIAMI COURT

3. GOES ATTORNEYS HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH DEPARTMENT PERIODICALLY  
ON THIS CASE IN THE PAST. BORGONOVO ALSO TOLD ME THAT HE HAS  
INSTRUCTED AMBASSADOR BERTRAND GALINDO TO REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S  
INTERCESSION FOR EXPEDITIOUS FBI ACTION. ANY ASSISTANCE IN THIS  
MATTER WOULD BE HELPNPL TO SUSTAINING USGOV BONA FIDES REGARDING  
QUALITY OF US GRAIN EXPORTS AND TO ENHANCING CORDIAL RELATIONS  
WITH GOES. I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY EARLY REPLY.  
MOSKOWITZ

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